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MEXICAN NATIONAL CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL REENTRY

PRESS RELEASE

Indianapolis - Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOSE GUTIERREZ-REYES, 50, a citizen of Mexico, was charged today with illegal reentry after having been previously deported, following an investigation by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

The information charging GUTIERREZ-REYES alleges that he was deported in March, 2008, shortly after a conviction in February, 2008 for child molest in Marion County, Indiana. Child molest is an aggravated felony pursuant to immigration law and, therefore, one is not allowed to re-enter the United States after deportation unless one receives permission from the Attorney General.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, GUTIERREZ-REYES faces a maximum possible prison sentence of up to 20 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The information is an allegation only, and each defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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